

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 5, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 5, 1836.

My dear Andrew, I received yours of the 3rd with my dear sarahs inclosed, and am thankfull to that kind providence, who I trust will always keep you all in his holy keeping, to hear of your safe arrival with your friends and that you all enjoy good health, which I hope may be continued to you all until you return to me. You have mistaken my admonitions, my son, for censure—we must look next year to our farm for our supplies; and we must sow *well* or we cannot expect to reap, therefore was my remarks made that we might sow, that we should have raised on our farm the necessary supply of wheat etc etc. as it regarded the negroes shoes, it grew out of what I was aware, a neglect of the overseer, as I urged him before I left to have the negroes shews and warm cloathing so as to give them in due time when the frost came, that they might be able to go to their work early, as I told him. from the lateness of the crop opening, he must have cold weather to pick it out—therefore from his letter I did suppose, and had a right from its tenor to believe, that to its date, there had been no shoes made for the negroes—this, if it had been so, which I find from your letter was not the case, was good cause for his dismissal.

I inclosed you yesterday Col Loves letter of the 24th ultimo, from which it appears they are progressing with the cotton pretty well, and our crop will be in the seed, about 150,000, but that there will be, as I expected, a scarcity of pork. This we must make up *now* by buying beacon next spring which may be then cheaper than pork is now. I have not had any other information from home but the letter sent you.

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As to funds, you recollect that I told you whatever was necessary for you and sarah and the dear little ones to draw for, and I gave you a note to Mr. Toland that he might aid you in having it cashed at the Girrard Bank—you know my situation as to present funds, and for a while a just oeconomy until the winter supplies for the House, which Mr. Toland is shipping, may be paid for. if three hundred dollars will cover your wants, I will meet the draft with pleasure. I have now only in Bank \$1100, our monthly expence to meet and the wines etc., laid in by Mr Toland etc. etc.

Present me affectionately to sarah and the dear little ones and kiss them for me. say to sarah I have not time to write her, but will the next letter I get from the Hermitage. say to her to attend to Elisabeth Blair, any thing that you do for her is gratefull to me—that family has done much for me, and Mrs. Blair visitted me last night, hearing I was not well. give my kind regards to miss Elisabeth and say to her, her father has just left me and all are well and in good spirits, with my prayers for the health and happiness of you all and hopes to see you soon,

I am your affectionate father